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In re Patent Application of:
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ULTRAMICROPARTICLE AND APPARATUS
THEREFOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION WITH REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 5, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1, 3-11, 13-15, 17-22 and 24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10.